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Extract from report of State Domain Inspection
Committee ~ SF/185/2/43

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7. TULKARM SUB-DISTRICT:
QALANSUA:

Block 7878, Parcel 7) Area 505 dunums 459 sq. metres.
Block 7877, Parcel 10(

This is an area of undulating land contiguous to Jewish owned land. The soil is mainly loamy sand. It is not good agricultural land but is capable of being improved and of producing crops. It is at present studded with occasional small buildings (latrines and cook-houses) and intersected by the roads of a military camp.

The Jewish Agency states:-

"These areas.....border on the "Geulin" Settlement. This settlement is shortly to be transferred to another area, because the land available there is topographically unsuited for division into small farms for individual development. The land of "Geulin" has accordingly been allocated by our institutions for the purpose of settling ex-servicemen on a communal basis. The addition of.....500 dunums of State Domain land would make it possible to increase the number of settlers by 20 families, after the irrigation and development of the area".

The Committee recommends that, subject to military requirements, this land could be made available for ex-soldiers.

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TELEGRAM.

From Badawi Shtayyah, Agent of the National Fund.
Yousef Qaddura, Vice-Mayor of Ramallah.
Jamil Totah, Councillor, Ramallah.
Subhi Arafat, Abdul Dayem Abdul Samad, Councillor of Bireh.
and 14 others.

To His Excellency,
The High Commissioner.

Despatched Ramallah, 6.3.47.

The annexation of the lands of Arab Sheikh Muwanness and other villages to Tel Aviv, and the expropriation of the Arab Bessa lands of Qagoun and other lands, which have been in possession of Arabs for hundreds of years and the only grazing land for their stock, for the purpose of handing over these lands to the Jewish ex-servicemen is a gross injustice and an arbitrary act which would remind us of the barbaric stone/aged. It reveals the oppressive policy which aims at the judaization of Arab Palestine by displacement of its inhabitants and the undermining of their means of livelihood. We condemn this action and strongly protest against it. We hold your Government responsible for any consequences.

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TELEGRAM.

From No signature.

To His Excellency,
The High Commissioner.

Despatched Tulkarem, 6.3.47.

"Al-I'tisam" Society at Tulkarem joins the thousands of others, who have expressed their indignation at the grant of the Bassa lands of Qaqoun to Jewish ex-servicemen. This is not the way to combat terrorism and deal with the outlaws.

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TELEGRAM.

From	Jamil Al-Hammouri, Nimer Al-'Irsan, Mubarak Al- Zu'bi, Mohammad Khakha, Sa'id Al-Saheb, Sadeq Al- Attari, Mohammad Saleh Al-Arrabi, Saleh Al-Zu'bi, Mousa Al-Naser and Riziq Al- Mahmoud.	To His Excellency, The High Commissioner.
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Despatched Beisan, 3.3.47.

The attempt by Government to embarrass the Arabs and evict them from their lands on which they have been living for centuries, as is evidenced by the cases of Qaqoun, Tulkarem S/D, and Um-'Ajra, Beisan S/D, are incompatible with law and justice. We request Your Excellency to avoid such attempts so as to reassure the excited feelings and preserve peace.

TELEGRAM.

From Hamdan Annabeh,
for the Arab Chamber
of Commerce.

To His Excellency,
The High Commissioner.

Despatched Khan Yunis, 5.3.47.

Your Excellency's oppressive aggression upon the Arab land of Qaqoun and the threat to deliver it to the Jews have provoked our indignation. This act is incompatible with constitutional laws. We appeal to you to revoke this decision.

TELEGRAM.

From Abdul Rahman Al-Farra,
Mayor of Khan Yunis.

To His Excellency,
The High Commissioner.

Despatched Khan Yunis, 4.3.47.

Government's intention to deliver the Arab Bassa lands of Qaqoun to the Jews is a dangerous precedent which will excite Arab public opinion and fill us with bitterness. On behalf of Khan Yunis and the Municipal Council, I protest against this plan, and request that the land be retained to its rightful owners, in accordance with the dictates of justice. There is no meaning in settling Jews in the midst of purely Arab zones except that of increasing the dens of crime, terrorism and secret organizations.

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TELEGRAM.

From Hikmat Al-Taji Al-Farouqi, To His Excellency,
Secretary. The High Commissioner.

Despatched Jaffa, 5.3.47.

The attempt to requisition the Bassa lands of Qagoun with the object of delivering it to the Jews is a clear trespass on Arab rights. The National Fund Committee at Jaffa protests against this plan and requests that the land be not delivered so as to avoid this catastrophe.

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The Arab National Fund Co. Ltd.,
Central Office,
P.O.B. 1339,
Jerusalem.

25th February, 1947.

The Honourable,
The Chief Secretary.

Sir,

I enclose herewith, for your consideration, a copy of a telegram addressed to us by the Mukhtar and notables of Qaqoun village.

The telegram is self-explanatory. Every letter or word of it expresses the indignation, inflamed feelings and anxiety of the Arabs regarding the intention of Government to deliver the Bassa lands of Qaqoun, which the villagers have been in possession for thirteen hundred years, to Jewish Ex-Servicemen, who have transformed the Holy Land into a field of rebellion and compelled a large number of the British Community to evacuate the country or live behind barbed wire and sand sacks.

We are indeed at a loss to understand whether this measure is intended as a reward or a consolation prize to the terrorists who have been spreading crime in the country, disturbing the peace of the inhabitants and obstructing their interests.

Such action is likely to excite not only the Arabs of Palestine but also all the Arab peoples of the Arab world, and I am confident that such a course will not please His Majesty's Government and will be incompatible with the traditional Anglo-Arab friendship. In the circumstances and in order to reassure the Arabs of Qaqoun about their lands, I shall be grateful if you will instruct the District Commissioner to retain the Bassa lands for the Arabs and transmit a copy of this letter and the accompanying telegram to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies so that he will take such action in the matter as may be compatible with justice.

With highest respects,

(Sgd) Ahmed Hilmi,
Chairman of the
Board of Directors.

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THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Very respectfully,
[Signature]

(S) [Signature]
Director of the
Bureau of Land Management

TELEGRAM.

To The Chairmen of the Arab National Fund.

Despatched from Tulkarem on 24.3.47.

For hundreds of years, the inhabitants of Qaqoun, Tulkarem Sub-District, who number 2500, have been cultivating the Basma lands of Qaqoun and using it as grazing grounds for their cattle. We have been asked by the District Administration to deliver the land to Jewish Ex-Servicemen. This is tantamount to a death sentence for those thousands of Arabs and the total extermination of their cattle. The dispossession of this land and its delivery to the Jews will take place only over our dead bodies. We appeal to Your Excellency's human conscience to prevent this catastrophe from taking place and keep this land for the Arabs as it has always been.

Sgd. Abdallah Al-Jabr, Mukhtar of Qaqoun
Rasheed Sharbaji, Mukhtar of Qaqoun
Abdul Rahim Jabara, notable.
Mohammad Mustafa Hantash,
Abdul Raouf Zeidan,

Members of the village committee
Deeb Mustafa Abu Hantash, notable.
Sa'id Hassan Al-Showli, notable.
Nimer Mustafa Al-Muk-hel, member
of the village committee.
Mustafa Jabara and Mohammad Mah-
moud Al-Shalabi, notables.
Abdallah Kan'an, member of the
village committee.
Ahmad Al-Muk-hel, notable.

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For Arabic

March, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 6th March, 1947, protesting against Government's intention to deliver the masha' land of Qalansawa village to Jewish ex-servicemen.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

Ph
for A/CHIEF SECRETARY.

Ahmad Hilmi Pasha,
President of the Board
of Directors,
The Arab National Fund Co. Ltd.,
Jerusalem.

*Sent to A. H. Pasha
on 1.4.47*

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March, 1947.

Sir,

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I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th March, 1947, regarding the Government's intention to set up a committee to investigate the alleged activities of the "Arab Nationalists" in the Middle East. I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

Yours faithfully,
Sir John MacGillivray.

James A. J. MacGillivray,
Secretary of the Board
of Directors,
The Arab Nationalist Movement,
London.

✓ Exchack for Comments on State Domain
Inspection Office's Report of 8-10-45 on SF 185/2/43

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(7) Qalansua.

Army
The land is clearly in use by the Agency to some extent. Before any decision can be made it will be necessary for the D.L.S. to find out from the District Commissioner the extent to which the land is leased by the Army and the probable duration of the Army's occupation. The area is part of a transit camp.

L/101/45

29 October, 1945.

S E C R E T

Director of Land Settlement.

(1) I am directed to refer to your letter no. SD/ 2/5 of 5th October, 1945 on the subject of State Domain for the resettlement of ex-soldiers and, in regard to the recommendation of the State Domain Inspection Committee that Parcel no. 7 of Block 7876 and Parcel no. 10 of Block 7877 in Qalansua village Tulkarm sub-district, should be made available for Jewish ex-soldiers, to request that you will obtain information as to the extent to which and period for which this land has been leased by the Army and and as to the probable duration of the Army's occupation thereof. Information should also be obtained, if possible, as to whether there is any likelihood of extension by the military authorities of the transit camp which, it is understood, is established on part of the land in question.

J. D. C. McLaughlin
CHIEF SECRETARY.

Copy to : District Commissioner,
Samaria District.

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SF/185/2/2/43.

20 March, 1946.

Director of Land Settlement.

I am directed to refer to my letter No. L/101/45 of 29.10.45 on the subject of State Domain at Qalansua in the Tulkarm Sub-District and to request that you should furnish an early report as to how the matter in regard to the area in question now stands.

(Sgd) F. W. S. Polentinos

CHIEF SECRETARY.

Copy to: D.C. Amaria, ref. my
L/101/45 dated 29.10.45.

" L/101/45 ✓

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
(Chief Clerk)
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

5 APR 1946

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No GP/5/18(23)

~~SECRET~~ JERUSALEM

DEPT. OF LAND SETTLEMENT.

JERUSALEM.

P. O. B. 189 - TEL. 4497.

4th April, 1946.

Chief Secretary.

Subject:- Re-settlement of ex-soldiers -
State Domain, Block 7878, Parcel
7 and Block 7877, Parcel 10 -
Galansuwa village, Tulkarm Sub-
District.

Reference: Your SF/185/2/2/43 of 20th March
1946.

The A.D. Hirings has now informed me that
the Army does not require these lands any longer.
There are now no buildings on the land, only some
roads and hard-standings, and the Area Hirings
Officer has been instructed to hand it over to
the Assistant District Commissioner concerned.

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Acting DIRECTOR.

Copy to GP/5/18(12).

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The question for consideration is set out on the reverse

Clerk to the Executive Council

OPINIONS

G. WALSH ESQ., C.M.G., C.B.E.

~~J.H.H. Pollock, Esq., O.B.E.~~Yes R
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J.H.H. POLLOCK ESQ., O.B.E

~~Col x Sir x George x W x Heron x C.M.G. x C.B.E. x D.S.O.~~Yes
J.H.H.
28/5/46

Financial Secretary

Yes M
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Attorney General

Yes
29/5

Chief Secretary

Yes. J
30/5/46

Decision of the HIGH COMMISSIONER

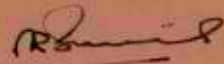
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QUESTION

Reference minute (11).

? Should the High Commissioner in Executive Council approve the recommendation of the State Domain Inspection Committee at folio (1).



Sec. Clerk to the Executive Council

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
(Chief Clerk)

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. GP/5/18(23) JERUSALEM JERUSALEM.

DEPT. OF LAND SETTLEMENT.

P. O. B. 189 - TEL. 4497

23rd May, 1946.

Chief Secretary.

(9) 4/10/45
Reference Your SF/185/2/2/43
of 20th March, 1946, and my GP/5/
18(23) of 4th April, 1946; The
Jewish Agency are pressing for a
decision.


Acting DIRECTOR.

Copy to District Commissioner,
Samaria District.
Ref. Chief Secretary's
letter under reference -
a copy of which was sent
to you, with copy of my
above quoted letter.

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

IS-18(18)

22nd May, 1955

Chief Secretary,

Ref: Memo No. 153/55 dated
22nd May, 1955, and my 2/55
15(13) of 22nd April, 1955; The
Director General and Controller for
Pakistan.

Subject: D-103.

Copy to Director General,
to be made list of
Ref: 153/55 dated 22nd May
1955, under reference -
copy of which was sent
to you, with copy of
above report dated 15/5/55.

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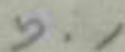
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اعضاء لجنة محمد رشيد ابو احمد اعضاء لجنة طه ابراهيم مصطفى

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
(General Office)
JERUSALEM
L/101/45

TELEGRAM.

From Mahmoud Haj Musleh Natur,
Member of the village
Committee.
Fares Natur, Mukhtar.
Selim Jayousi and 6 others,
representing the village of
Qalansawah.

To His Excellency,
The High Commissioner.

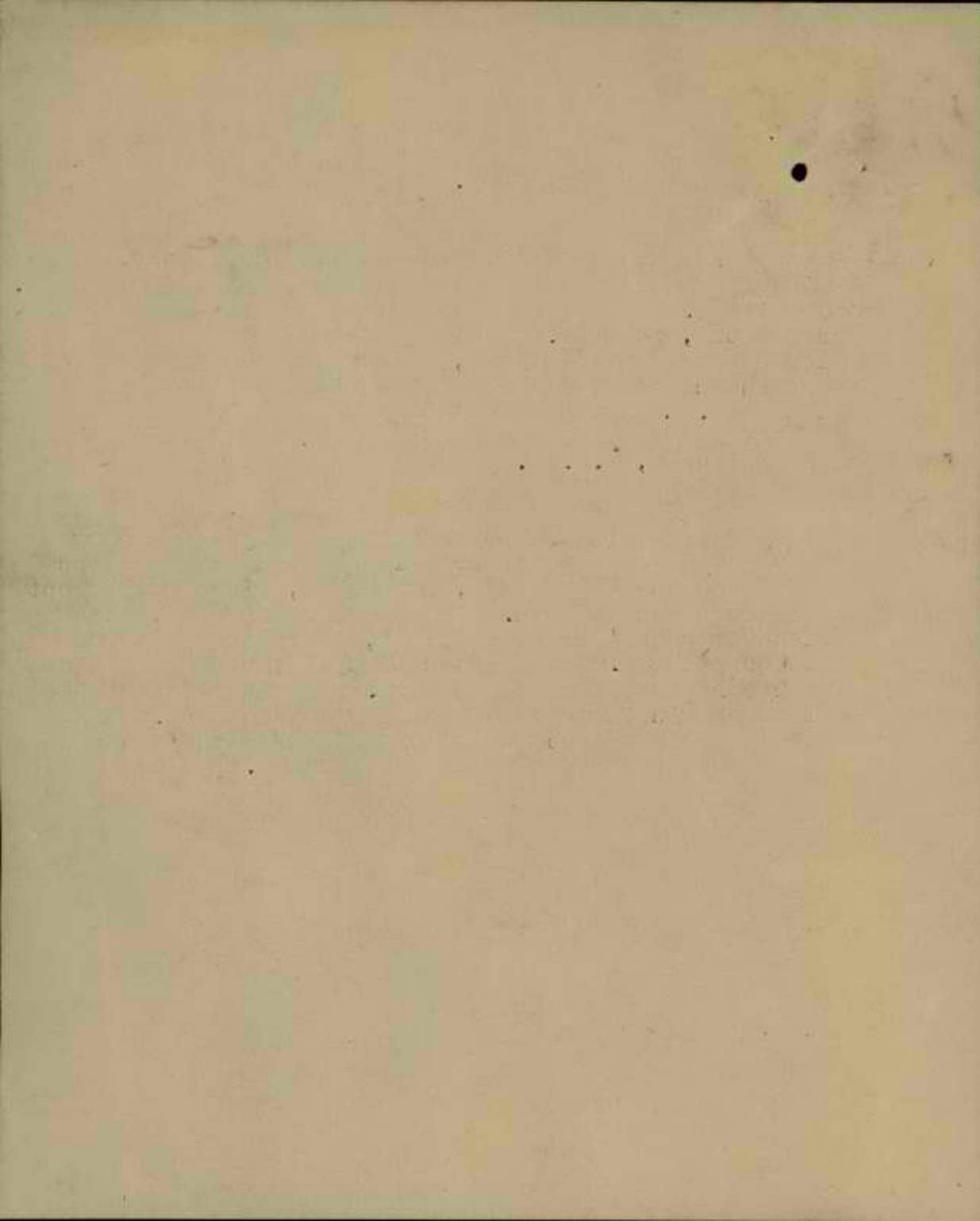
Despatched Tulkarem, 6.6.46.

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We read in the papers that the Jewish Agency has asked Government for a lease of a plot of land situated in our village, Qalansawa, which Government claims to be its own. From time immemorial, this land is masha' to the village, and grazing ground of our flocks. The application of the Jews is contrary to right and justice. We request that the land remain in the possession of its owners. Its transfer from Arab hands into Jewish hands constitute a threat to the future of our village.

ACK. — 8.6.46

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M .Mughrabi

Mr.Nasir

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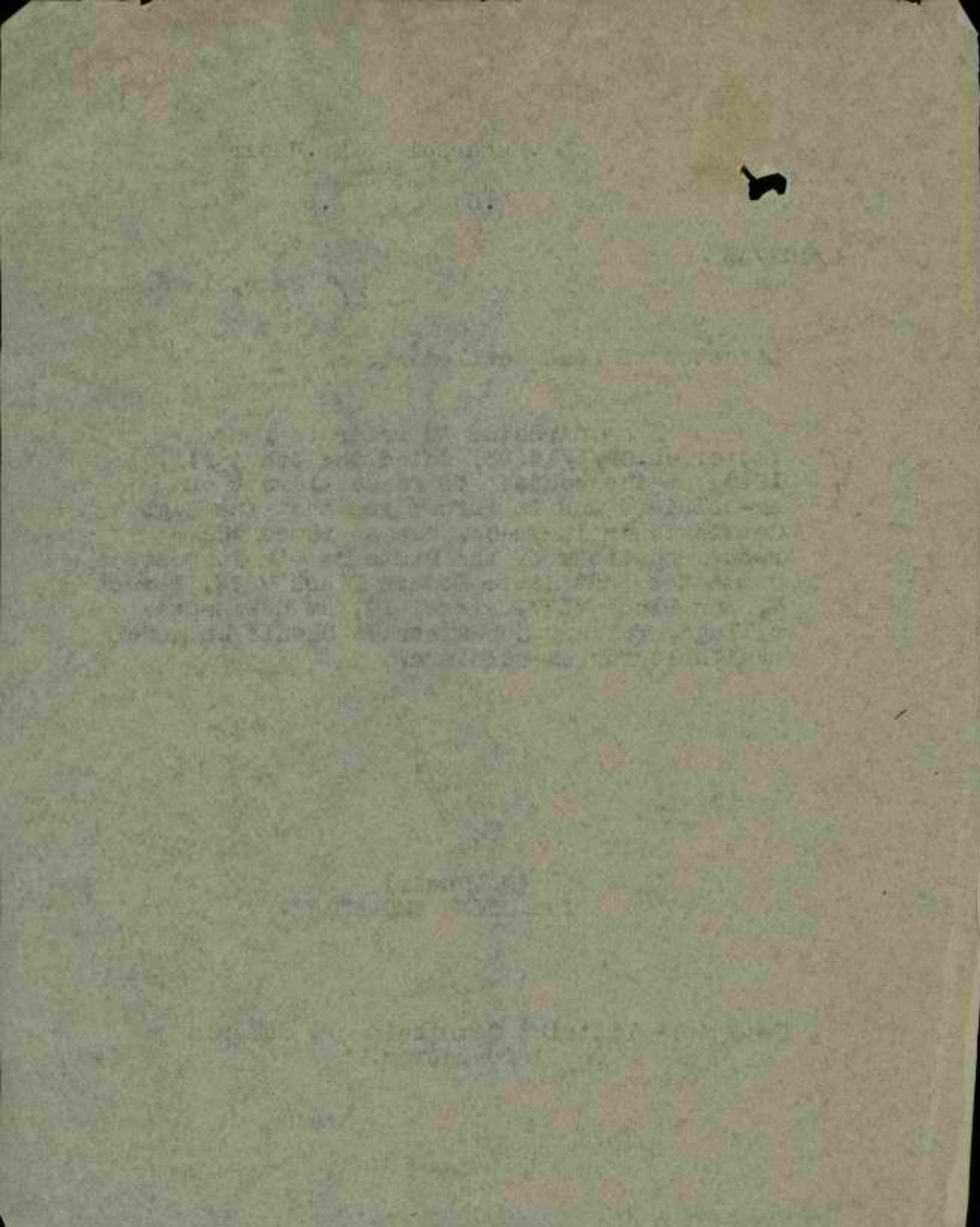
10 June, 1946.

Director of Land Settlement.

9 I am directed to refer to your letter No.GP/5/18(23) dated the 4th April, 1946, on the subject of re-settlement of ex-soldiers and to inform you that the High Commissioner in Ex-Co. has approved the recommendations of the State Domain Inspection Committee that State Domain Block 7878, Parcel 7, and Block 7877, Parcel 10, at Qalansuwa village, Tulkarm Sub-District should be made available for ex-soldiers.

(M. Nasir)
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

Copy to:- District Commissioner, Samaria
for information.



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L/101/45.

Chairman, Resettlement Advisory Committee.
Director of Land Settlement.

SF/185/2/43.

11 July, 1946.

Gentlemen,

(138) on SF/185/2/43

I am directed to refer to paragraph 6(111) of your letter FOL/11/46 dated the 1st February, 1946, and to inform you that the Director of Land Settlement has been authorized to make the following areas of state domain available on lease to ex-servicemen for agricultural purposes, on terms and conditions which will be communicated to you by the Director of Land Settlement

- (a) Blocks H.4934-4940, near Yibna - an area of approximately 3,281 dunums;
- (b) Block 7998, parcel No. 10, Qaqun village less 100 dunums; the area to be leased is approximately 294 dunums;
- (c) Block 7878, parcel 7 and Block 7877, parcel 10, Qalen-uwa village, an area of 505 dunums approximately.

I am,

Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. V. W. SHAW

(J.V.W. SHAW.)

CHIEF SECRETARY.

The Executive of the
Jewish Agency,
P.O.B. 92,



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The Arab National Fund Co. Ltd.,
Jerusalem.

6th March, 1947.

The Honourable,
The Chief Secretary.

SK/116/47.

Sir,

This morning, I received a copy of a telegram which was addressed by the inhabitants of Qalansawa village to His Excellency the High Commissioner, protesting against Government's intention to deliver the masha' land of their village, covering an area of 750 dunoms to Jewish ex-servicemen, and asserting that they will not leave their land while they are still alive. This means that they will fight until death before they leave their land which they had inherited from their forefathers in the same way as proud men would do who refuse to submit to humiliation and oppression.

Every day the telegraph cables pulsates with such news as provokes the resentment of the Arabs and with tragedies which excite the young before the old and make every one despair of Government's sense of justice. The consequences of such a situation are no doubt known to you even though they may be not known to others.

I hope that you will realize that the Arabs who fought for more than two centuries during the Middle Ages for this Holy Land are not prepared to hand it over to the Jews or those who support them. In defending their freedom, honour and country, the Arabs fear no force in the world.

I take the liberty of drawing your attention to these facts and trust that you will not underestimate our determinations. The Arab proverb says that a flaming fire begins with small sparks.

In conclusion, I wish to add the protest of the Arab National Fund to the protest of the villagers, our compatriots, and to request you to transmit a copy of this letter to the Rt. Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, so that he may consider the matter and give a just and equitable decision thereon.

With highest respects,

(Sgd) Ahmad Hilmi,
President of the
Board of Directors.

AMS.

THE SECRETARY OF THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

This to inform you that I received a copy of a letterhead memorandum
addressed by the President of the United States to the Secretary of Agriculture
dated the 15th of January, 1934, regarding the proposed amendment to the
Federal Land Management Act, 1906, which would give the Secretary of Agriculture
the right to acquire land for the purpose of establishing a national monument.
I am enclosing herewith a copy of this memorandum for your information.
I am also enclosing herewith a copy of a letterhead memorandum dated the 15th of
January, 1934, from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture,
in which the Secretary of the Interior expresses his opinion that the proposed
amendment is not in the best interests of the Government.

Every day the Secretary of the Interior is receiving reports from the
Bureau of Land Management of the progress of the work of the Bureau in
carrying out the provisions of the Act. I am sure that you will find these
reports very interesting and that they will give you a better understanding of the
work of the Bureau. I am sure that you will find the work of the Bureau very
interesting and that it will give you a better understanding of the work of the
Bureau.

I hope that you will realize that the work of the Bureau is very
important and that it is necessary for the Government to have a better
understanding of the work of the Bureau. I am sure that you will find the
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that it will give you a better understanding of the work of the Bureau.

Very respectfully,
[Signature]

Very respectfully,
[Signature]
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Land Management

القدس في ١٩٤٧ / ٣ / ٦

سعادة السكرتير العام لحكومة فلسطين المحترم

تحية واحترام ، في هذا اليوم ايضا وردتنا برقية من اهالي قرية تلنسوة - وهي نسخة عن الاصل المرسل الى فخامة العندوب السامي - يستنكرون فيها عزم الحكومة على تسليم مشاع قريةهم البالغ ٢٥٠ دونما الى اليهود المسرحين ويعلنون انهم لا يسلمون اراضيهم وهم احياء ومعنى ذلك انهم سيستمتون ويموتون دون ذمارهم وراثا ابائهم واجدادهم شان الاحرار الامجاد الذين يابون الضيم وينفرون من الذل والمسكنة .

ها هي اسلاك البرق يا جناب السكرتير العام تنبض في كل يوم بنبا يثير حفيظة العرب ويماسة تعصف في نفوسهم وتهتاج الصغير تيل الكبير وثفتنظهم من عدل الحكومة وانصافها مما لا تخفى عليكم عوائقه وان خفيت على الكثيرين .

اننا نرجوا ان تعلمو حقا ويقينا ان العرب الذين دافعوا اكثر من قرنين عن هذه البلاد المقدسة في الترون الوسطى لا يسلمونها لثمة سائغة لليهود ولا للذين يشدون ازهرهم وبأخذون باعضادهم ولا يخشون في الدفاع عنها ابة توة في العالم لانهم يدافعون عن حرية ووطن وشرف . فالي هذا نلفت نظركم ونامل ان لا تستصغروا شأننا فاليعرب تقول ان معظم النار من مستصغر الشرر .

في الختام نضم صوتنا الى صوت اهالي القرية ابنا امتنا محتجين مستنكرين ونرجو ارسال نسخة من هذا الكتاب الى جناب وزير المستعمرات لينظر في الامر ويحكم بالحق والعدل بيننا وبينكم .

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام



احمد حلمي

رئيس مجلس الادارة

الشيخ العلامة راجي راجي

شركة محدودة الصمان

القدس

المكتب المركزي

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القدس في

سماعة السكرتير العام لحكومة فلسطين المحترم

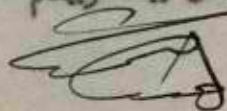
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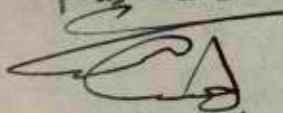
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وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام


احمد حلمي

رئيس مجلس الادارة

Government of Palestine.

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In replying to this letter please quote the date and reference number.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Jerusalem.

March, 1947.

Sir,

(61) I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 6th March, 1947, protesting against Government's intention to deliver the masha' land of Qalansawa village to Jewish ex-servicemen.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

for A/CHIEF SECRETARY.

Ahmad Hilmi Pasha,
President of the Board
of Directors,
The Arab National Fund Co. Ltd.,
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او عز الي ان اعلمكم بوصول كتابكم المؤرخ
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واقبلوا فائق الاحترام ،
عن وكيل السكرتير العام

L/101/45

3 April, 1947

Director of Land Settlement
and
Water Commissioner.

I am directed to refer to my letter no. L/101/45 of the 11th July 1946 addressed to the Executive of the Jewish Agency with copy to you, on the subject of the lease of state lands for agricultural purposes by ex-servicemen and to inquire as to the position in regard to the Qalansawa land, referred to in paragraph 3 thereof.

I am to ask whether there is any present encroachment on this land and whether at the time of the settlement of title the Settlement Officer has made any special recommendations as to its use.

I am also to request your early comments on the attached copy of a letter dated the 6th March 1947, from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Arab National Fund Co. Ltd. in respect of this land.


(E. MATTA)
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

Copy to:-

District Commissioner,
Samaria District with copy of
letter for early comments.

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No GP/5/18(23)

SECRET

DEPT. OF LAND SETTLEMENT.
JERUSALEM.

P. O. B. 189 - TEL. 4497.

C.S. file 4/10/45 7 3/4/47
JERUSALEM 9th April, 1947.

Chief Secretary.

Subject:- Lease of State Domain Parcel 7
Block 7878 and Parcel 10
Block 7877, Qalansuwa, to the
Keren Kayemeth Leisrael Ltd.

1. The two Parcels 7877/10 (GP/5/18(12)) and 7878/7 (GP/5/18(23)) were formerly parts of 7877/8 and 7878/3. They were claimed at "Land Settlement" by some of the villagers of Qalansuwa as part of their shares which they alleged, fell to them when the Masha' lands were 'distributed' years ago. The Mukhtars on the other hand claimed them as village "Grazing land". Government claimed them as Mewat.

2. ^{villagers} The Settlement Officer in his decision said that the claim, taken on its merits, had no strength. Nor was there any assignment for grazing. Large areas of the Masha' showed no signs of ever having been cultivated. No doubt anybody could graze his animals at will in these places if there was grass on them in the winter. He found that the land belonged to Government but in his judgment he added a recommendation that the land might be granted as Masha' to the villagers of Qalansuwa as a whole on payment of Badl Mithl. There were appeals but the decision of the Settlement Officer survived. The land was registered as State Domain free from any over-riding rights or interests.

3. The question was examined by the State Domain Committee composed of Messrs. D.G. Harris, M.C. Bennett and A.U.L. Savage; they found that:-

"The last area to be considered is that comprising parcel 8 of block 7877 and parcel 3 of block 7878 (these parcels include parcels 7877/10 & 7878/7). The former parcel, which extends to 148 dunums, is described as arable land, the latter, which measures 452 dunums, is sandy waste, although there is not a great deal of difference in their quality. The Settlement Officer has recommended that the parcel 7878/3 should be transferred to the villagers of Qalansuwa as Masha' on payment of Badl Mithl (unimproved value) but, since there appears already to be a considerable area of undeveloped land within the village, we agree with the Inspection Committee

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that there is no justification for such a grant. We recommend that this area also be made over to the Conservator of Forests temporarily for protection and that the decision as to its final disposal be postponed. Here again, the possibility of an exchange for land contiguous to the proposed forest reserves, whether by direct exchange or by a process of sale and purchase, appears to us to be worthy of exploration."

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4. This recommendation was approved by Government (C.S.'s L/170/40 of 22nd November, 1940) and accordingly the parcels were allotted to the Conservator of Forests, but they were however, occupied by the War Department in 1942 and were only released last year.

5. The Committee set up to consider the question of State Domain for re-settlement of ex-servicemen, reported that the land was undulating and mainly loamy sand, not good agricultural land but capable of being improved and producing crops. As it was contiguous with the Jewish Settlements land, the Committee recommended that it could be made available for ex-soldiers, and Government accepted this recommendation (C.S.'s L/101/45 dated 10th June, 1946). (17)

6. The two parcels were leased to the K.K.L.L. for a period of one year starting from 1st January, 1947, to 31st December, 1947, pending a settlement of the rent for a long lease.

7. The Jewish Agency on 27th February, 1947, wrote that 50 dunums of GP/5/18(23) were occupied by Arab trespassers, and requested the immediate vacation and the handing over of the land to the K.K.L.L. They said that the Local Authorities were not willing to take adequate steps unless they received explicit instructions to evict the trespassers, if necessary by force.

8. On 6th March, 1947, the Qalansuwa people telegraphed to His Excellency that so long as they are alive they would not allow anyone else to occupy these lands which were property of an Arab village..

9. The Assistant District Commissioner stated that the matter has aroused considerable feeling in the Arab press and must be dealt with carefully.

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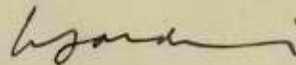
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10. With reference to the copy of letter enclosed in your letter I make the following comments:-

- (a) The area of the Land in question is 505.459 dunams and not 750 dunams as mentioned in paragraph 1 of that letter.
- (b) The land in question is registered without any over-riding interests in the name of the High Commissioner in trust for the Government of Palestine. The question of the villagers' claim to the parcels as Masha' was disposed of at Land Settlement. The Settlement Officer did mention as a suggestion in his judgment that the land might be granted as Masha' to the villagers as a whole. As much of the land of the village had been bought by the Jews who thus became "villagers" themselves, his recommendation cannot be taken to apply exclusively to the Arabs. In any case neither the State Domain Inspection Committee nor the State Domain Committee agreed with his recommendation, which of course should never have appeared in a judicial judgment.
- (c) The land belongs to Government and as such it has been let to Jews who have a settlement in the village lands. The land in question actually adjoins the Jewish lands. The Arabs have no more right to lease this public land than the Jews have. Their telegrams, paid for from Arab political persons, threaten the use of force in resisting eviction. If the case came before an independent judicial tribunal I have no doubt that the verdict would be that the ~~Arabs~~ should be evicted.



DIRECTOR OF LAND SETTLEMENT
& WATER COMMISSIONER.

Copy to: District Commissioner,
Samaria District.

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GOVERNMENT OF KALISTINE

DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR
LANDS DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C.



TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above matter.

The same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. [Signature]

Very truly yours,
J. B. [Signature]

Enclosed for the Secretary of the Interior are two copies of the report of the Surveyor General of the Territory of [Name] in relation to the above matter.

Very truly yours,
J. B. [Signature]

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Record of a Meeting with Kassem Eff.
Rimawi on 3.4.47.

Kassem Eff. explained that he had come on behalf of the P.A.P., of which he is Director-General, and the Arab Higher Committee to discuss certain grievances of the Arabs. He explained that it was felt that Government was out of contact with Arab problems owing to the fact that they (the Arabs) had no English paper to bring their grievances before us.

2. The matters he raised were:

- (a) the behaviour of troops in Gaza which he said had aroused very great illfeeling among the Arabs. The streets of the town were really not safe at night; recently Munir Rais and a woman were shot dead and an attempt to shoot four beduins had been made. I said that I would transmit his representations to the appropriate authorities;
- (b) a number of murders of Arabs (including Fakkrud Din and Abdullah Sameya) which he said he had evidence to show were committed by Jews. He asked for Protection for leading Arabs. I said that protection was a matter for the Police and that the evidence that the murders were by Jews (which was the first I had heard about it) should also be given to them. Kassem Eff. then revealed that he had already approached Mr. Catling and I said this would suffice;
- (c) the remission of taxes in the South. I said that I did not know what the position was but I believed that the question was under consideration and that he could rest assured that Government would deal justly. I also pointed out that on his visit to Beersheba His Excellency had announced the remission of tithes in that sub-district. Kassem Eff. replied that he had intended to raise other matters regarding the drought but His Excellency's speech was so satisfactory that he had dropped them and instead wished to thank Government in the name of the P.A.P. and A.H.C. for what it was doing;
- (d) the present system of appointing mukhtars without democratic election which was most unsatisfactory, and was leading to increased fassad, the greatest obstacle to progress in the Arab villages. He alleged that in many cases District Officers were being bribed to appoint mukhtars and gave the following villages where unsatisfactory appointments had been made:

Beit Rima, Ramallah S/D (where Hassan Ahmed Zeidani, who is illiterate and poor in a village containing many literate and rich men, was appointed).

Beit Nabala, Lydda S/D (where there had been four recent changes of mukhtar, LP 200 being paid to the D.O. each time).

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I said that I was unable to comment but would pass his complaints to the appropriate section of the Secretariat. With reference to his claim for democratic election of mukhtars I said that I had occasionally seen similar requests regarding the A.H.C. He said that it would one day be elected but nothing could be done now in order not to upset matters when the Palestine case was going to the U.N. Anyway the A.H.C. really was very democratic and represented 90% of the Arabs of Palestine.

- (e) impending transfers of land to the Jews, especially in QACUN and QALANSA. He said that the Arabs were very worked up about this and that he had visited those on the lands in question and found that they were determined to resist eviction by force and if necessary to die. I agreed to pass his representations on to the appropriate section of the Secretariat;
- (f) the release of ZULKIFL ABDUL LATIF;
- (g) alleged discrimination by the Censor against el Wihdah compared with other Arabic papers.

On the last two points it was agreed that written representations would be awaited.

5.4.47.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 330/7/GS

HEADQUARTERS,
THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE,
(CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT)
JERUSALEM.

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15 April, 1947.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

Copy to: D.S.O.
G.S.I.
M.L.O.
Maj.Reinhold, M.C.

On 3rd April, 1947 a party of police visited Geulim Colony in the Tulkarm sub-district, after having received a report from the mukhtar that a number of shots had been fired at the colony on the night of 1st April, 1947 and that, on the next day, Arabs from the nearby village of Qalansuwa had visited Geulim and threatened him. The following account of the incidents was given by the mukhtar and Jewish Settlement Police.

2. At approximately 8.30 p.m. on 1st April rifle fire was directed at the colony from a sandy knoll some five hundred metres distant and continued spasmodically for about three quarters of an hour. It is estimated that between two and three hundred rounds were fired, some of which passed over the colony, but no damage or casualties were caused. The settlement police did not return the fire.

At about 7.30 a.m. on 2nd April some fifteen villagers from Qalansuwa arrived at Geulim, including the mukhtar Abu el Abed and persons known to Josef Raibeh, the mukhtar of Geulim, as Haj Abu Kassem and Radwan el Ghazawi. They asked to see Raibeh. After complaining that Geulim had been built on a right of way to Qalansuwa they informed Raibeh that they had learned that five hundred and fifty dunams of Qalansuwa lands were to be taken over by the Keren Keyemeth. They then conducted Raibeh and other members of Geulim colony round the boundaries of the land in question and, after the other colonists had left, threatened Raibeh that if any Jews were seen within these boundaries, members of Geulim Colony would be killed (Raibeh claimed that the boundaries indicated to him encompassed sixty dunams of land belonging to Geulim which had as yet not been cultivated).

The Arabs then left but about an hour and a half later Haj Abu Kassem and Radwan el Ghazawi returned to Geulim and informed Raibeh in a more friendly manner that the shooting had been intended as a warning of what was to come if the Jews attempted to take over the land.

3. The knoll at which the firing took place was searched without result.

R.C. Catling
(R.C. Catling)
A/ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL
C.I.D.

Mrs.

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

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IN REP. PLEASE QUOTE
No. 86/M



DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES,
SAMARIA DISTRICT,
NABLUS.

14 April, 1947.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

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With reference to your letter
No.L/101/45 of the 3rd April, 1947, regarding
the lease of land at Qalansawa to the
Jewish Agency, this matter is being
investigated in connection with your
secret letter No.SF/116/47 of the 10th
April, 1947, to which a reply will be
sent as early as possible.

f Ag. *M. M. M. M. M.*
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,
SAMARIA DISTRICT.

M.S.

S E C R E T

Extract from Fortnightly Report for the
period 1st - 15th April by the Acting
District Commissioner, Samaria District.

2. A report by the mukhtar of Geulim colony, which adjoins the state domain at Qalansawa set aside for cultivation by Jewish ex-servicemen, stated that shots had been fired over his colony for a period of about half an hour on the night of the first of April from a knoll to the east, and that the next day he had been visited by representatives of Qalansawa who threatened bloodshed should any attempt be made to occupy the state domain. Later the police visited the vicinity but found no trace of firing, whilst the mukhtar of Qalansawa admitted that there had been shots but that they had been fired without malice in the course of a 'fantisiya'.

Original ~ SF/20/47

SF/138/47.

23 April, 1947.

A/District Commissioner
Samaria District.

(69) I am directed to refer to your letter No.86/M of the 14th April 1947, on the subject of the lease of State domain lands at Qalansuwa to the Jewish Agency and to enclose for your information a copy of a letter No.330/7/GS dated the 15th April 1947 from the A/Assistant Inspector General (C.I.D.) regarding the shots fired over Geulim Colony on the 1st April 1947 (your report for the fortnight ending 15th April refers).

I am to request that the security aspect of the position may also be specifically discussed in your reply.

(E. Matta.)

for CHIEF SECRETARY.

Mr. Matta.
HL. 23.4.47.

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Mr. Matter.
H.L. S.W.A.

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SF/116/47

30th May, 1947.

Director of Land Settlement
and Water Commissioner

I am directed to refer to your letter No.GP/5/29(4) of the 22nd March, 1947, regarding the lease to the Jewish National Fund of state domain lands at Qaqun and Qualansawa, Tulkarm Sub District for use by Jewish Ex-Servicemen and to inform you that the High Commissioner in Executive Council has ordered that action to obtain an eviction order against the Arabs lay with the Jewish National Fund and that since the present lease is shortly due to expire, Government should take no steps to bring about a solution until the present political situation is clarified.

(sgd) E. Matta

FOR CHIEF SECRETARY

Copy to:- A/District Commissioner, Samaria for information with reference to his letter No.86/M of 30.4.47.

✓ SF/138/47.

MM.

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Director of the Bureau of
the Federal Reserve Board

I am writing to you regarding the
letter of the Federal Reserve Board
dated 10/1/46, regarding the
Federal Reserve Board's decision
to increase the discount rate
from 1% to 1.5% effective
November 1, 1946. I am writing
to you to inform you of the
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Very truly yours,

John D. Edwards, Jr.
President, Federal Reserve Bank
of New York

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THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

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P. O. Box 92,
Jerusalem

Ref. No. POL/33/47

Jerusalem, 9th October, 1947.

SF

Sir,

I beg to refer to lease agreements Ref. GP/5/18(23) of January 16th, 1947 and Ref. GP/5/29(4) of 20th December, 1946, between the Government of Palestine and the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel.

1. The first agreement concerns the lease of the latter body of an area of 459 dunams in the village of Qalansuwa, Blocks Number 7878 and 7877 for the agricultural resettlement of Jewish ex-members of H.M. Forces.

Over eight months have passed since the signature of the agreement and it is with regret that I must draw your attention to the fact that few, if any, steps appear to have been taken by Government to carry out its share of the bargain. Not only has the area in question not been handed over to the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel under the terms of the agreement, but Arab trespassers have been permitted to plough the land without any interference from the District authorities in Tul Karm and Nathanya. The latter, in fact, claim that they have acted under orders from Jerusalem in permitting the trespass. X

I beg to point out that the Qalansuwa lands form an integral part of the Talmon scheme for ex-soldiers agricultural settlement based on the area leased by Government and an adjoining parcel of Jewish owned land. This scheme was submitted to and approved by Mr. Berncastle, then Acting Director of Land settlement, before the Government's approval in principle to allocate the land for the resettlement of Jewish ex-servicemen (Acting Director of Land Settlement's letter No. GP/5/18(23) of June 12th, 1946) and was also submitted to and approved by the Town Planning Authorities, Samaria District, according to the map in our possession, in May 1946.

2. The second agreement concerns the lease of an area of approximately 394 dunams of swampy lands leased to the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel for an ex-soldiers settlement to be named Kfar Monash on the understanding that the lessee would drain the swamp and allot 100 dunams after drainage to Arab cultivators in the area. This land is in Qaqun village Block Number 7998, Parcel No. 10.

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Palestine,
JERUSALEM.

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Similarly to the lease above, the District Officers concerned have notified the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel that they are able to do nothing towards handing over the area to the lessee.

3. In view of the fact that the schemes described above have been rendered entirely unworkable by Government's apparent failure to take adequate steps to hand over the lands in question to the lessee, with consequent grave disappointment and financial loss to the ex-soldiers who have waited for a considerable time for the opportunity to benefit from their share of the resettlement programme, I should be most grateful for any information as to when Government proposes to hand over these areas to the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel in order that the establishment of the new settlements may not be further delayed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Goldie Myerson
Goldie Myerson

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Letter

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To the Executive of the

Jewish Agency for Palestine,

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D.C. Samaria.

P.O.B. 92 Jerusalem

GPP. 28485-50,000-8-8-47

I am directed to refer to your letter No. Pol/33/47 of the 9th October 1947, on the subject of the lease to the Jewish National Fund Ltd. of two areas of state domain lands at Qalansuwa and Qaqun villages, Tulkarm Sub-District, for the agricultural resettlement of Jewish ex-servicemen, and to inform you that any legal action necessary for the eviction of trespassers on the land in question should be taken by the Jewish National Fund Ltd. who have already been advised to this effect by the Director of Land Settlement and Water Commissioner in his letter No GP/5/18(23) of the 11th July 1947.

2. I am to add that there is no truth in the suggestion that the trespass has been permitted by the District Authorities who are not empowered to grant such permission.

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To The Executive of the
Jewish Agency for Palestine,
P.O.B. 92,
Jerusalem.

(F.S. BY U.S.(A)).

GPP. 27531-25000-8-4-47

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Pol/33/47 of the 9th October 1947, on the subject of the lease to the Jewish National Fund Ltd. of two areas of state domain lands at Qalansuwa and Qaqun villages, Tulkarm Sub-District for the agricultural resettlement of Jewish ex-servicemen and to inform you that Government does not propose to take any immediate steps for the solution of this problem pending clarification of the present political situation.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHIEF SECRETARY.

17.10.47.

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SECRET

To the Executive of the
Jewish Agency for Palestine
P.O. Box 92,
Jerusalem.

MEMORANDUM
FOR THE EXECUTIVE

(U.S. BY U.S. (S))

I am directed to refer to your letter

dated 10/10/47 of the 9th October 1947, on the

subject of the letter to the Jewish National Fund

and of two more or less similar letters to the

and again village, Tel-Aviv, dated for the

agricultural settlement of Jewish ex-servicemen

and to inform you that Government does not propose

to take any immediate steps for the solution of this

problem pending clarification of the present political

situation.

I am,

Yours

Very obedient servant,

JOHN A. HENRY

11.10.47

SF/138/47.

23 October, 1947.

Gentlemen,

75 I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No. POL/33/47
of the 9th October, 1947 on the subject
of lease agreements between the Government
of Palestine and the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel.

I am,

Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

sgd. (D.M.D. MacQueen)
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

Executive of the Jewish Agency,
P.O.Box 92,
Jerusalem.

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24.10.47.

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Jerusalem, 24th October, 1947.

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Sir,

I beg to refer to my letter Ref. No. POL/33/47 of 9th October, 1947, concerning the lease of State Domain in Qalansuwa and Qaqun villages to the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel for the agricultural resettlement of former members of H.M. Forces.

2. I have since been informed that Arab trespassers have commenced ploughing part of the land in the Qalansuwa area with the evident intention of sowing crops in the coming season.

3. It would be appreciated if an early decision could be reached in this matter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Goldie Myerson
Goldie Myerson

Chief Secretary,
Government of Palestine,
JERUSALEM .

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1st November, 1947.

Gentlemen,

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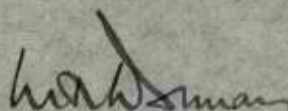
I am directed to refer to your letter POL/33/47 of 9th October, 1947, on the subject of the lease of lands at Qalansura and Qagun villages, Tulkarm Sub-District.

2. In reply I am to point out that you are in error in saying that Government has failed to carry out its obligations in this matter.

3. Government agreed to make to the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael Ltd. leases of the lands in question, and Government has made the appropriate leases.

4. These leases transferred from Government to the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael Ltd. the right to the immediate possession of the land. If the Keren Kayemeth failed to exercise its right and to protect its possession, that is not Government's fault, and the suggestion now made, that Government has failed to do what it promised to do, cannot be accepted. Government has at no time authorised anybody else to enter on this land, and has fully complied with its undertaking to provide the Keren Kayemeth with a good title to the immediate possession of it. Having acquired title to the land, the Keren Kayemeth is in a position to protect in the Courts its right to possession against any trespasser.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant.



(M.H. DORMAN)
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

Executive of the Jewish Agency,
P.O. BOX 92,
JERUSALEM.

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